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For:	HYDROGEN GENERATOR AND FUEL CELL SYSTEM COMPRISING HYDROGEN GENERATOR	

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Rules 56 and 99, Applicants hereby call the attention of the Patent Office to the art listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. Attached is a Supplementary European Search Report dated June 7, 2011, which issued in a corresponding European Patent Application. EP 1650159 is a family patent of WO 2005/000737 and US 2004/0172877 is a family patent of WO 02/085781, cited in the Search Report.

The cited art is listed in the attached PTO-1449 for an indication of consideration by the examiner. Copies of any references listed on the PTO-1449, besides U.S. patent documents, are submitted herewith.

Applicants present this art so that the Patent Office may, in the first instance, determine any relevancy thereof to the presently claimed invention; see *Beckman Instruments, Inc. v. Chemtronics, Inc.*, 439 F.2d 1369, 1380, 165 USPQ 355, 364 (5th Cir. 1970).

Applicants respectfully request that this art be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and made of record herein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue herefrom.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Supplementary European Search Report dated June 7, 2011.	

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